GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3870
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WINDING UP OF NAGAON SILHOT AND MOIBABERI RAILWAY SERVICE
MONI KUMAR SUBBA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided to wind up Nagaon-Silhot and Moibaberi railway services;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government have received protests and representations from the people of the area and their representatives in Legislatures and other representative bodies including trade and agriculture; and

(d) if so, the Government`s reaction thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) & (b): The Senchoa-Nagaon-Silghat Town (Metre Gauge) and Haibergaon-Mairabari (Metre Gauge) lines of Northeast Frontier Railway were unremunerative lines. In view of the poor earnings and high cost of operation and availability of adequate road transport services in the area, it was decided to close these lines in 1999.

(c) & (d): Requests for retention of these branch lines were received from some Hon`ble Members of Parliament.As train operations in the above mentioned sections was not a viable proposition, the Hon`ble Members of Parliament were advised accordingly.